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To:

Department Heads

From:

William T Fujioka

Chief Executive Officer

RELEASE OF EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION RECORDS

Please be advised that the County is in receipt of a Public Records Request (PRA), by the Bay Area News Group, requesting compensation information for all County employees. The PRA seeks to obtain the following for each County employee during 2009: (1) last name, first name, middle initial; (2) job title, department; (3) base salary earnings; (4) gross employee overtime pay; and (5) other payments that contribute to gross pay, if any. The last category includes any taxable cash resulting from unused cafeteria plan benefits. It also includes additional payments such as bonuses, uniform/transportation/parking allowances, and the like. The final payout of an employee's leave balances upon separation from County service in 2009 is excluded.

The requestor intends to post the information on its website, which already includes similar data from several Bay Area public entities, the University of California, and the California State Universities. Their website is at www.contracostatimes.com/public-employee-salaries.

The Auditor-Controller is in the process of compiling the requested information, and we have informed the Board and labor unions regarding this PRA. A number of employees in the Public Safety sector, such as undercover Sheriff's deputies, may remain anonymous. County Counsel is consulting with those departments. Employee information for departments which do not have anonymity claims or for which redaction has occurred could be released as early as September 15, 2010.

Please share this information with your staff.

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c: Each Supervisor

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